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TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR IMMEDIATE IMMEDIATE
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SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS
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1. CODEL DIGGS' PLANS SHIFTING SOMEWHAT. HOW HOPING PROCEED MADRID TO EL AIUN ON NOVEMBER 21 FLIGHT 1B111.
2. FOR DAKAR: CODEL HOPING CAN CHARTER PLANE TO PROCEED DAKAR FROM EL AIUN DEPARTING ABOUT NOON NOVEMBER 22. REQUEST CHARTER POSSIBILITIES BE EXPLORED DAKAR WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPANY WHICH EMBASSY HAS USED IN PAST. ADVISE TYPE OF

AIRCRAFT, AVAILABILITY, PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE LIMIT, COST. PLANE WOULD PROCEED EL AIUN, BE AVAILABLE TAKE AS MANY OF CODEL AS POSSIBLE TO DAKAR. CODEL UNDERSTANDS THAT PRESENT SIX PERSONS INCLUDED IN PARTY MIGHT BE TOO MANY FOR THIS FLIGHT AND ONE OR MORE WOULD PROCEED DAKAR COMMERCIAL, VIA LAS PALMAS.

3. CODEL WOULD HOPE FOR ONE DAY PROGRAM SENEGAL NOV 23 WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SUCH APPROPRIATE CALLS AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING ASSANE SECK, POSSIBLE TRIP BY CHARTER TO AREAS IN NORTHEAST ALONG RIVER WHICH WERE/ARE DROUGHT AFFECTED OR VISIT US GRAIN IN PORT, DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY AND ADO STAFF,

4. FOR OUAGADOUGOU: CODEL WOULD PROCEED COMMERCIAL FLIGHT

DAKAR-OUAGADOUGOU ON NOV 24 ON FLIGHT RK 302 ARRIVING OUAGA 0850. PROGRAM UPPER VOLTA MIGHT INCLUDE CALL ON PRESIDENT LAMIZANA, TO WHOM DIGGS WAS ONE OF HOSTS WHEN LAMIZANA MET WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, DAKOURE, KONATE AND/OR OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE.

5. FOR NIAMEY: CODEL WOULD THEN HOPE PROCEED NIAMEY NOV 26 IF POSSIBLE. THERE SEEMS TO BE NO COMMERCIAL FLIGHT AVAILABLE. ARE CHARTER FLIGHTS FEASIBLE? (FYI: DIGGS INFORMING AMBASSADORS OF SENEGAL, UPPER VOLTA, AND NIGER OF HIS TRIP, AND HOPES HE MIGHT ELICIT INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT DIORI TO USE DIORI'S PLANE OUAGA TO NIAMEY AND FOR ANY NIGER INCOUNTRY VISITING, SUCH AS AGADEZ.END FYI)

6. NIGER PROGRAM NOVEMBER 26-27 MIGHT INCLUDE CALL ON PRESIDENT DIORI, MINISTERS BEMBELLO AND ZAKARA, AND TRIP TO AGADEZ OR OTHER POINT RELEVANT TO EFFECTS OF DROUGHT.

7. FOR NIAMEY/LAGOS: CODEL WOULD THEN HOPE PROCEED NIAMEY TO LAGOS TO BOARD PANAM FLIGHT 184 ON NOV 28 AT 1620 FOR ONWARD FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG. AGAIN CHARTER APPEARS TO BE NECESSARY. ARE THERE POSSIBLE CHARTERS AVAILABLE NIAMEY OR LAGOS FOR THIS FLIGHT?

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8. FOR NOUAKCHOTT, BAMAKO AND N'DJAMENA: LACK OF TIME PRECLUDES VISITS YOUR CAPITALS AND/OR REFUGEE CENTERS. IN RESPONSE TO DIGGS' QUESTION DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ASSURED HIM THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT FEEL EXCEPTIONALLY PUT OUT BY HIS INABILITY TO VISIT WITH THEM.

9. COMMENTS NEEDED ON URGENT BASIS. CODEL DEPARTS FOR BRAZIL NOVEMBER 17. RUSH

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